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**FOREIGN REFERENCES**

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All the above documents were cited in the Japanese Examination Report issued July 22, 2008 (a copy of an English language translation is filed herewith), in a related Japanese patent application, related by priority to the instant application.

Applicants are not aware of any other references to be identified at this time. If the Examiner has any questions or comments relating to the present application, he or she is respectfully invited to contact Applicants' attorney at the telephone number set forth below.

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